

South of Town Events

April, 2023

From the Area C Director....

After all of the action surrounding the qathet Regional District (qRD) and Powell River Regional Hospital District budgets, the Elected Officials Seminar and the Strategic Planning sessions, the Board is now able to refocus on business as usual and on the issues that are on the horizon.

Spring is when the qRD and many other organizations spend time applying for grants. While some apply to the qRD for funding, the qRD itself applies for funding and receives requests for letters of support from local groups in order to strengthen their own funding requests. This month the qRD approved a grant application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. If approved, this will increase the ability of the qRD to meet Emergency Operations Centre training and public information objectives. The qRD has also agreed to write a letter of support for the Powell River Salmon Society so that they may apply for funding to keep their Duck Lake and Lang Creek facilities current and to ensure their resiliency. The Duck Lake facility feeds 240,000 Chinook fry each year and the Lang Creek facility is an educational asset utilized by many in the community, including the students at Kelly Creek Community School.

Some of you may be happy to learn that the clothing collection bin will soon return to Black Point Store. In 2019, Inclusion Powell River, the group who was running the local clothing collection program, was informed that Value Village no longer wanted to purchase clothing from them so the program was halted. Diabetes Canada has since taken up the torch and requested that donation bins be located at four locations in the qRD (including Black Point Store) and potentially more as agreements are made. Diabetes Canada will accept linens, stuffed animals, and wearable items such as shoes, bags, hats, and accessories as well as clothing. Local thrift stores were contacted about the initiative and only one of them was concerned about diminished volume and quality at their facility due to the new program. None were interested in operating satellite donation bins in the rural areas.

Though it doesn't affect the residents of Electoral Areas B and C directly, there has been some action in Area A that may be of interest. An Alternate Approval Process (AAP) was initiated around borrowing money for the proposed renovations and expansion of the Lund Community Centre. The basis for an AAP is that if greater than 10% of the eligible voters in an area write in to the local government saying that they don't support an initiative then it gets kicked back to the Board to decide whether to scrap the plan or to initiate a referendum vote. In this case, 10.3% of the eligible voters wrote in to say that they weren't in favor of the initiative, so the Board decided to go forward with an assent vote (referendum) and let Northside Community Recreation Service Area voters make the final decision. To be clear, this affects only those within the Northside Community Recreation Service Area – I just thought it was interesting to see democracy in action.

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Saturday, April 1st, 9:00 am: Certificate Food Safe Course - This is a 6.5 hour course offered at \$60.00/person. Numbers limited to twenty-five. Call Kathy at 604-483-1440 for more info.

Sundays, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga for Mommas – Deep core healing and nervous system regulation for mothers. Drop-ins welcome, \$20.00 per class. Text Jolene at 236-586-5000 for more information.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends – Join members of the community for informal discussions, projects and pot luck lunches. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more info.

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. Call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493 for more information.

Wednesdays, March 29th - April 26th, 4:00-5:00 pm: Mindful Moves Yoga – Registered session, \$60 pro-rated for 3+classes, drop-in \$15 per class. Bring a mat & throw blanket. Contact Robin at 604-483-6759 or robin.inison@gmail.com for more information.

Thursdays, March 30th - April 27th, 9:30-10:30 am: Gentle Yoga - Ideal for beginners or those with limited mobility or arthritis. Registered session \$60. Bring a mat & throw blanket. Contact Robin at 604-483-6759 or robin.inison@gmail.com for more info.

Thursday April 20th, 6:30 pm: Lang Bay Crib Club Wind Up - All players welcome to enjoy the end of crib season starting with a pot luck dinner followed by games of crib and ending with trophy presentations. Call Rob for more info 604-578-8465.

Saturday May 13th, 12:00-2:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Club's Annual Plant & Craft Sale - Please plan to support this fundraising event at your community hall. Potted & labeled plants gratefully accepted. Contact Carol 604-487-1259 for more info.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

The Kelly Creek gym and Community House are open for public use. Most weekday late afternoons/evenings are available for pickleball, volleyball, meetings or other events; birthday party rentals on weekends. Please give us a call at 604-487-9925 and we'll get you sorted.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

In-person Sunday services at 10:00 am (2380 Zilinsky Road) or join us on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more information.

The ORCA BUS will be bringing free children's activities to Kelly Creek Community Church on Thursday April 13, 20 and 27 from 10-11:30. Visit www.youthandfamily.ca for more info.